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# NOYES' GENEALOGY.

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RECORD

OF

A BRANCH OF THE DESCENDANTS

OF

REV. JAMES NOYES,

NEWBURY, 1634-1656.

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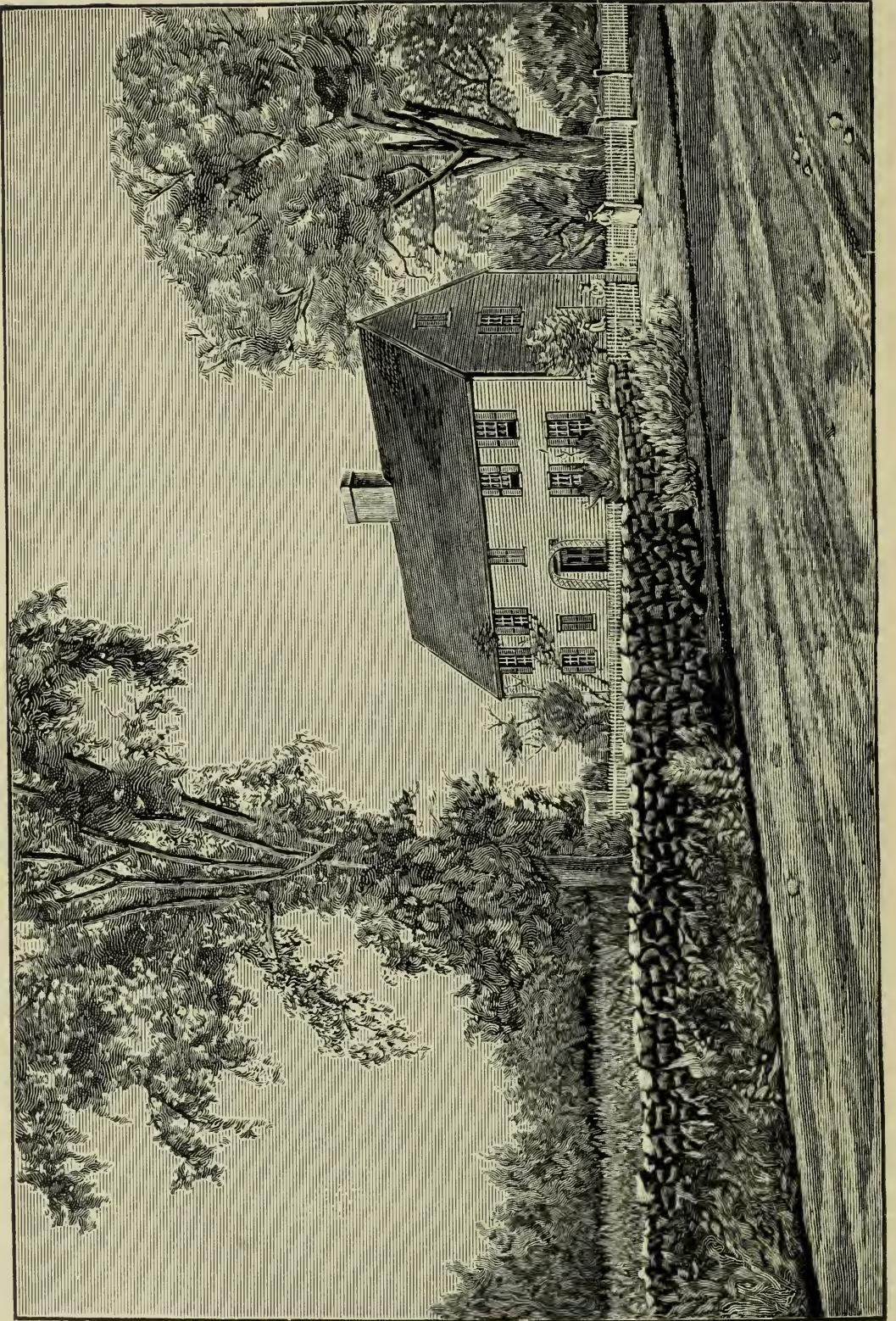
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## PREFACE.

The motive and spirit with which such researches are prosecuted in this country is rarely in the expectancy or even hope of elevating some ordinary though respectable individual or family in the public consideration by the possible discovery that some person bearing the family name was a Knight in the army of William the Conqueror, and who consequently became a lord of vast domains when the confiscated estates of the Saxons were parcelled out, though necessitated, like the American Indian, to impress his totem instead of writing his name—the original of the later aristocratic “Coat of Arms”—or of finding perhaps their noble ancestor to have been a rich brewer and representative of a “rotten borough” in an ancient parliament.

Nevertheless, the reflection is gratifying that in the long list brought to view in this record, no one bearing the name of Noyes has been found wanting in moral rectitude, while several in the line, embracing a period of nearly three hundred years, have been eminent as clergymen and physicians, graduates of universities, deacons in churches, officers in

civil and military life, and all manifestly excellent men and women, the heads of prolific families and good citizens.

The genealogical compilation herein relates mainly to the direct ancestors and descendants of the late Joseph Clark Noyes, of Morristown, Vt., who was the son of Oliver of Hyde Park, Vt., the son of John of Stonington, Vt., the son of Deacon John of Stonington, the son of Rev. James of Stonington, the son of Rev. James of Newbury, Mass., the immigrant of 1634, who was the son of Rev. William Noyes, Rector of the Parish of Choulderton, county of Wiltshire, England, from 1602 to 1621, and whose wife was sister of Rev. Robert Parker, a Puritan and Nonconformist, driven to Holland, whose nephew, Rev. Thomas Parker, came to America in the same ship with Rev. James Noyes and settled in Newbury.

The compiler of this record, conscious that he is not the right person in the right place in pursuing genealogical investigation, requiring peculiar qualifications which he assumes not to possess, and whose time is occupied in business affairs, has availed himself largely of the friendly aid of the late lamented Horace G. Cleveland, an accomplished gentleman and an expert genealogist, to whose industry these results are mainly due. His death a year since precluded the possibility of following out, as had been intended, the numerous branches of the ancient and venerable, yet thrifty, genealogical tree.

The "*Reminiscences of an Nonagenarian*," an exceedingly readable tale of early New England life, by Sarah Anna Emery, published at Newburyport, Mass., 1879, contains a fund of information relating to our immigrant ancestor, Rev. James Noyes, and of his numerous descendants in and around the original town of Newbury from 1634 to date. This book has been to me not only a lamp of historical light, but a photographic picture as well of domestic and social life in Colonial times.

We are likewise under obligations to R. A. Wheeler, of Stonington, Ct., for information regarding Rev. James Noyes the second, who preached in that town for fifty years.

Our thanks are extended to Miss Nellie A. Noyes, of Newbury, Mass., for her contribution to family research, and Miss Mary Noyes

especially for a recent photograph of the ancient family homestead, built in 1646, which has always been owned by some member of the family, and which she now occupies.

Our regrets for want of more extended research into the collateral branches of the Noyes family are materially lessened by the information received that at least two gentlemen are delving in the same historical mine, the output of which will be richer, we doubt not, than the shaft which we have worked. We trust they may be not a little aided by the historical notes herein made, and that the result of their labors will soon be published.

HORATIO N. NOYES.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, 1889.



## GENEALOGY.

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Rev. James Noyes, the immigrant ancestor of our branch of the numerous Noyes family in this country, was born in Choulderton, Wiltshire, England, in 1608, came to New England in 1634, and died in Newbury, Mass., October 22, 1656, in the forty-eighth year of his age. His father, Rev. William Noyes, was rector of the parish of Choulderton, situated between Amesbury and Andover, near the great Salisbury Cathedral, built in 1220, whose lofty tower overlooks the dead Roman city of Sarum and "Stonehenge," the ruins of the wonderful prehistoric temple of the ancient Celtic Druids, in the midst of Salisbury Plain. The register of the diocese shows that he officiated in the parish from 1602 to 1621, when he resigned and was succeeded by Rev. Nathan Noyes, possibly a son or nephew. The wife of Rev. William and mother of our immigrant ancestor, was sister of Rev. Robert Parker, a learned Puritan divine and a graduate of Oxford, who was driven to Holland for non-conformity. Our ancestor, Rev. James, married in 1634 Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Brown, of Southampton, England, and in March of that year embarked for New England, in company with his brother Nicholas and his cousin Thomas Parker, in the ship "Mary and John," of London. He preached first at Medford, Mass., where he was made a freeman September 3, 1634; then for a time officiated at the Watertown church, and in 1635 he went to Newbury, where he preached until his death. His will was dated October 17, 1656, five days before his death, the inventory showing a good estate. His widow survived until September 13, 1691.

### CHILDREN.

1. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, born Oct. 15, 1637, died in Newbury, 1717; married first in 1662, Mary, daughter of Robert Darvell, by whom he had 8

children. July 14, 1680, he married Mrs. Mary Willard, widow of Maj. Simon Willard; was selectman in Sandbay 28 years, from 1662.

2. JAMES<sup>2</sup> (Rev.), born March 11, 1640; graduated at Harvard, 1659; married Dorothy Stanton and settled in Stonington, Conn.; she died there Jan. 19, 1743, in her 91st year; he preached there 55 years; died Dec. 30, 1719.

3. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, born Aug. 12, 1641; died young.

4. MOSES<sup>2</sup> (Rev.), born Dec. 6, 1643; graduated at Harvard, 1659; he became the first minister in Lyme, Conn., where he died Nov. 10, 1726; he married Ruth Picket, daughter of John Picket, a well known and active merchant of New London, Conn.

5. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, born June 3, 1645; was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, a freeman in 1676, and that year was a constable.

6. THOMAS<sup>2</sup>(Col.), born Aug. 10, 1648; remained in Newbury, Mass., where he was a prominent citizen, representing the town in the General Court; he married first, Dec. 28, 1669, Martha Pierce; Sept. 24, 1677, he married Elizabeth Greenleaf; by the first he had Sarah<sup>3</sup>, Martha<sup>3</sup> and Daniel<sup>3</sup>; by the second, James<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Parker<sup>3</sup>, Elizabeth<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Moses<sup>3</sup>, Rebecca<sup>3</sup> and Judith<sup>3</sup>.

7. REBECCA<sup>2</sup>, born April 1, 1651.

8. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, born Sept. 22, 1653; married Nov. 6, 1685, Sarah Cogswell, by whom he had John<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Sarah<sup>3</sup> who died young, Moses<sup>3</sup> who died soon, Susanna<sup>3</sup>, Mary<sup>3</sup> who died young, Sarah<sup>3</sup> who also died young, and Parker<sup>3</sup>.

9. SARAH<sup>2</sup>, born March 25, 1656, who married, March 31, 1684, Rev. John Hale, of Beverly, Mass.; she died May 20, 1695, leaving four children.

REV. JAMES NOYES<sup>2</sup> (Rev. James<sup>1</sup>), born in Newbury, Mass., March 11, 1640; died at Stonington, Conn., Dec. 30, 1719. He was pastor of the church there over 50 years, beginning to preach a little earlier, and was ordained Sept. 10, 1674. The day following his ordination he married Dorothy Stanton, of Hartford, Conn. She was born in 1652; daughter of Thomas Stanton, one of the original proprietors of Hartford, her mother being daughter of Thomas Lord, likewise an original proprietor and early settler of that town. She died January 19, 1743.

Children, all born in Stonington, Conn.:

1. DOROTHY<sup>3</sup>, born June 20, 1675; married Rev. Salmon Treat, of Preston, Conn.

2. JAMES<sup>3</sup> (Dr.), born Aug. 2, 1677; married Ann Sanford, daughter of Governor Peleg Sanford, of Rhode Island.

3. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> (Capt.), born Aug. 14, 1679; married Elizabeth Sanford, daughter of Governor Peleg Sanford of Rhode Island, and sister of his brother James' wife.

4. ANNA<sup>3</sup>, born April 16, 1682; died in her 12th year.

5. JOHN<sup>3</sup> (Dea.), born Jan. 13, 1685; married Mary Gallup, daughter of William and Sarah (Chesebrough) Gallup, March 16, 1715.

6. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> (Rev.), born Oct. 16, 1688; married Abigail Pierpont, sister of the wife of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, D. D.

7. MOSES<sup>3</sup>, born March 19, 1692; died early.

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DEACON JOHN NOYES<sup>3</sup> (Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>), born in Stonington, Conn., Jan. 13, 1685, and died there Sept. 17, 1751, a farmer. Married, first, Mary Gallup, of Stonington, March 16, 1715, daughter of William and Sarah Chesebrough Gallup; she was born Feb. 12, 1695, baptized April 7, 1695, died March 13, 1736. He married second wife March 13, 1739, Mrs. Elizabeth Whiting, of New London, Conn. He had 8 children by the first and one by the second. Children:

1. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, baptized April 22, 1716; married Dec. 18, 1739, Sybil Whiting, daughter of his father's second wife.



2. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, baptized July 6, 1718; married Mercy Breed, daughter of John and Mary Prentiss Breed, May 31, 1744.
  3. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, baptized May 21, 1720; died young.
  4. JAMES<sup>4</sup>, baptized June 9, 1723; married Margaret Woodburn Aug. 12, 1756.
  5. MARY<sup>4</sup>, baptized Sept. 26, 1725; married Joseph Champlin Feb. 8, 1753.
  6. SARAH<sup>4</sup>, baptized April 2, 1727; married Andrew Stanton June 24, 1747.
  7. ANNE<sup>4</sup>, baptized June 8, 1729; married John Palmer April 22, 1752.
  8. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, born Feb. 28, 1731; married Prudence Denison Jan. 27, 1763.
  9. DOROTHY<sup>4</sup>, born Sept. 17, 1740.
- All born in Stonington.
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JOHN NOYES<sup>4</sup>, son of Deacon John, born in Stonington, Conn., May 22, 1718; married in Stonington May 30, 1744, Mercy Breed, born Aug. 3, 1727, daughter of John and Mary Prentiss Breed; she died Aug. 5, 1811. Time of his death not ascertained. They had children:

JOHN<sup>5</sup>, born Aug. 28, 1745; married Elizabeth Rogers.

MERCY<sup>5</sup>, born Jan. 7, 1748.

GERSHAM<sup>5</sup>, born 1751; married Mary Stanton Feb. 2, 1790.

JESSE<sup>5</sup>, not ascertained.

OLIVER<sup>5</sup>, born May 9, 1755.

AMOS<sup>5</sup>, born March 18, 1758.

ANNE<sup>5</sup>, born Jan. 7, 1761.

NOTE.—It has been difficult to obtain particulars touching the history of John Noyes<sup>5</sup>, elder brother of Oliver<sup>5</sup>, but through Miss Sadie Noyes, of Guilford, Vt., daughter of Jeremiah P. Noyes, son of James<sup>6</sup>, the son of John<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Rogers), we are advised that the grave of John Noyes<sup>4</sup> was in the cemetery of South Guilford, but

that his tombstone is gone, not having been seen for many years, and the time of his death is not ascertainable. His wife, Mercy (Breed), born at Stonington, Conn., was buried in a new cemetery Aug. 5, 1811, aged 84. James Noyes<sup>6</sup> married in Guilford, Vt., July 9, Polly Taylor, and had children, viz:

1. HARRIET, born Dec. 8, 1809.
  2. JAMES M., born Dec. 29, 1811.
  3. BETSEY, born Oct. 7, 1813.
  4. MARY A., born Dec. 30, 1814.
  5. HANNAH, born Nov. 18, 1816; died Aug. 14, 1843, aged 26.
  6. ALMIRA, born Aug. 18, 1817.
  7. JEREMIAH P., born Aug. 24, 1820.
  8. JOSEPH, born May 30, 1823.
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OLIVER NOYES<sup>5</sup>(John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>), born in Stonington, Conn., May 9, 1755. He married, first, Thankful Clark; second, Eunice Babcock, born July, 1766. He died in Hyde Park, Vt., Dec. 6, 1829, aged 75 years. Eunice died June 10, 1846. Children by his first wife were:

OLIVER<sup>6</sup>, born 1779, died Dec. 8, 1862.

BREED<sup>6</sup>, born 1786; married Sarah Keeler, who was born 1789, died Oct. 10, 1852.

REBEKAH<sup>6</sup>, born Dec. 3, 1784, at Leyden, Mass.

DAVID PRENTISS<sup>6</sup>, born Feb. 4, 1790; married Lucy McKinstry at Hyde Park, Vt., Sept. 24, 1815; she died March 6, 1837, aged 46 years. He died at Burlington, Vt., Oct. 24, 1875.

JOSEPH CLARK<sup>6</sup>, born Oct. 9, 1794; died Aug. 18, 1830. Married Sarah Sawyer, born July 23, 1800; died Oct. 11, 1849. His widow married John C. Page; by him one child, Chas. R. Page.

JESSE BILLINGS<sup>6</sup>, (by second wife), born at Leyden, Mass., March 3, 1796; married Lucy Newland Jan. 3, 1829; died at Cady's Falls, Vt., Sept. 19, 1884.

GILBERT, by second wife, born Aug. 21, 1798; died at Wolcott, Vt., May 2, 1851.

EUNICE<sup>6</sup>, born at Leyden Aug. 18, 1800.

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REBEKAH, third child of Oliver, married Araunah Waterman, Jr., Nov. 11, 1804. He was born in Norwich, Conn., Nov. 8, 1778, died Jan. 31, 1859. They had children:

CAROLINE<sup>7</sup>, born Oct. 10, 1805, died June 19, 1806.

LORING FRANKLIN<sup>7</sup>, born Sept. 13, 1807.

VERNON WASHINGTON<sup>7</sup>, born July 30, 1811.

EUNICE<sup>6</sup>, eighth child of Oliver<sup>5</sup>, born in Leyden, Mass., Aug. 18, 1800; married James Newland in 1825. He was born in Hyde Park, Vt., March 8, 1796; his father was Jabez Newland and his mother's maiden name was Lydia Atherton. They had children, viz:

MARY LUCY ANN NEWLAND, born Sept. 3, 1826; she married Hiram R. Burke Oct. 15, 1845. Children:

SARAH ARMENIA, born March 11, 1829; married Isaiah Dow.

CHARLES ATHERTON, born June 3, 1831.

VERNON WATERMAN, born April 28, 1833; married Hannah Jane Lilly at Bayfield, Wis., Aug. 29, 1872.

EMMA FLAVILLA, April 22, 1840; married Wm. A. Martin Aug. 22, 1862.

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BREED NOYES<sup>6</sup>, (Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup> Rev. James<sup>1</sup>), born 1786; married Sarah Keeler, born 1791, and died Oct. 10, 1852. He died at Hyde Park, Vt., Dec. 28, 1834. Children:

1. CAROLINE, born Aug. 6, 1808; married Maj. Russell Brown Hyde, May 22, 1827, at Hyde Park, Vt. He was born at Poultney, Vt., 1787. Their children were:

1. BREED, born Aug. 14, 1831; married Adie E. Whitcomb at Springfield, Vt., Aug. 15, 1855. Now living in Pottsville, Pa.



2. EMILY, born Dec. 12, 1829; died at the age of 3 years 5 months and 10 days.
  3. NATHANIEL YOUNG, born Feb. 16, 1833; died May 22, 1854.
  4. MARY, born July 3, 1835; died at Malden, Mass., March, 1860; married first 1854, James P. Leland; second 1856, W. W. Whitcomb.
  5. CHARLES HYDE, born Dec. 24, 1837; married Julina E. Hinds, Feb. 26, 1863; died Dec. 7, 1874.
  6. SARAH ANN, born Jan. 11, 1839; died Sept. 7, 1842.
  7. DIANA, born Aug. 11, 1840; married John J. Meigs June 25, 1866; died June 11, 1868.
  8. LEO, born March 28, 1842; died Sept. 10, 1870.
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2. LUCIUS HUBBELL, second child of Breed Noyes, born at Hyde Park, Vt., April 24, 1811; married Diadamia J. Smalley of that town, daughter of Francis and Martha P. Smalley, who was a daughter of Capt. Jedediah Hyde. He died Feb. 4, 1877.

3. CARLOS SANFORD, born Feb. 27, 1816; married Louisa Retterbush Nov. 29, 1849.

4. MARY, born Feb. 24, 1814; married at Hyde Park, Vt., William Ransom Vilas, July 15, 1834. Their children were:

1. MARTIN FLINT VILAS, born Jan. 10, 1837; died at Burlington, Vt., July 2, 1865.

2. LEVI FREEMAN, born Nov. 10, 1838; died May 10, 1840.

3. CAROLINE, born Aug. 15, 1841; married Dr. Wm. Thomas Carpenter, May 13, 1872.

4. LUCIUS, born Dec. 9, 1843; married Feb. 10, 1875, Ellen Patten Hamblin.

5. MARY EMILY, born May 3, 1845; died Oct. 6, 1881.

6. SARAH MERCY, born May 10, 1850; married George Moore Dodge, May 24, 1876.

7. WILLIAM MORILLO, born Feb. 14, 1852.

8. FRED. CHANDLER, born April 12, 1859.

5. EDGAR, fifth child of Breed Noyes, born Oct. 28, 1818; married at Morristown, Vt., March 9, 1843, Jane Elizabeth Cooke, daughter of Jonathan Cooke by his wife Sarah Fletcher, born Sept., 1824.

6. MORILLO, born Oct. 14, 1820; married at Burlington, Catharine Haswell of Burlington, Vt., Nov. 8, 1849. She was born March 8, 1824.

7. CAROLUS, born January 20, 1823.

8. KIMETIA EMILY, eighth child of Breed Noyes, born April 24, 1827; married Ammi Parker Barber who was born at Enosburg, Vt., Feb. 16, 1820, son of William Barber by his wife Lucy Peet. They were married at Hyde Park, August 29, 1848. Children:

ELLEN BAXTER BARBER, born in Johnson, Vt., Aug. 11, 1849; married Nov. 11, 1873, George Bauman.

CHARLES, born at Burlington Sept. 21, 1857; married Daisy Jenkins in Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 1, 1879.

FRANK MORILLO, born in Burlington, Vt., Nov. 25, 1853; died March 24, 1855.

HENRY, born in Oshkosh May 9, 1858.

WILLIAM STRONG, born in Oshkosh, March 28, 1860.

ESTHER VILAS, born in Oshkosh, Nov. 24, 1861; married J. L. Hull, Nov. 2, 1882.

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DAVID PRENTISS NOYES<sup>6</sup>, (Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Deacon John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>), born in Leyden, Mass., Feb. 4, 1790; married Lucinda McKinstry, daughter of Amos McKinstry and Sarah (Pike), Sept. 24, 1815, in Hyde Park, Vt. She died March 6, 1837, aged 46. He died Oct. 24, 1875, aged 86 years. He was a merchant at Morrisville, Vt. Children:

1. FANNY LUCINDA, born June 11, 1816; died July 20, 1836.

2. VERNON PRENTISS, born Jan. 20, 1818; died Sept. 30, 1885.

3. DAVID MILO, born Oct. 21, 1819; died Sept. 28, 1822.

4. HARRIET JANE, born Nov. 23, 1821; died Oct. 17, 1840.
  5. MARY MARIA, born April 9, 1824; married Josiah Brown, Aug. 4, 1844. He was born Jan. 5, 1823; died April 22, 1864, at Pensacola, Florida—Co. E. 7th Reg. Vt. Vols. They had children, viz:
    1. HENRY NOYES BROWN, born July 4, 1845; died Oct. 23, 1886.
    2. WILLIAM RAND, born Dec. 12, 1846.
    3. LAURA ELLA, born April 4, 1855.
  6. JULIUS MILO, born March 25, 1827; Died May 22, 1889.
  7. LAURA WATERMAN, born July 4, 1832; married Oscar A. Burton; died Oct. 12, 1886.
  8. HENRY BENNET, born Nov. 4, 1834; died Feb. 20. 1842.
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JOSEPH CLARK NOYES<sup>6</sup>—son of Oliver<sup>5</sup>,—born Oct. 9, 1794; died August 18, 1830; married Sarah Sawyer of Hyde Park, Vt., born July 23, 1800. She was a daughter of Nathaniel Peaslee Sawyer, born June 19, 1772, and Catharine Martin, daughter of Peter Martin. She died Oct. 11, 1849. Children:

1. JOSEPH CLARK, born March 15, 1821.
  2. HORATIO NATHANIEL, born April 13, 1824.
  3. WILLIAM PEASLEE SAWYER, born July 3, 1826.
  4. CHARLES BONAPART, born Sept. 4, 1829; died June 27, 1831.
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NATHANIEL PEASLEE SAWYER was a son of Joshua Sawyer, who married Ruth Peaslee, all of Haverhill, Mass., which was settled by the Sawyers about 1640. Joshua was born July 24, 1746; Ruth Peaslee born April 19, 1749, and were married March 22, 1768. Children:

Ruth, born Nov. 10, 1869.

Nathaniel Peaslee, born June 19, 1772.



William, born Feb. 15, 1774.

Mary, born Oct. 12, 1776.

Sarah, born April 19, 1778.

Martha, born Dec. 25, 1780.

Joseph, born Oct. 26, 1784.

Joshua, born July 23, 1787.

Sophia, born Aug. 24, 1789.

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JESSE BILLINGS<sup>6</sup>, born at Leyden, Mass., March 3, 1796, who married Lucy Newland, had a daughter who married a Mr. Reed, and a son Joseph who died at the age of 14 years—other particulars not ascertained. Died Sept. 19, 1884.

GILBERT NOYES<sup>6</sup>, seventh child of Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>, born Aug. 21, 1798; married Mary Taylor January 12, 1826; daughter of Thomas Taylor; died at Wolcott, Vt., May 2, 1851. Children:

1 MARY, born Sept. 1, 1831; married Albert D. Sizer. Their children were:

EUGENE SIZER, born Dec. 27, 1855; died Oct. 15, 1858.

CHARLES, born Dec. 2, 1857; died Jan. 2, 1858.

CARRIE MARY, born April 20, 1859; died May 3, 1874.

LUCIUS NOYES, born Nov. 15, 1860.

OSCAR BERTRAND, born Dec. 29, 1863.

LENA, born June 6, 1866; died Aug. 30, 1866.

FLORA, born May 20, 1869; died July 31, 1869.

2. CHARLES GILBERT, born Feb. 16, 1834; died Oct. 23, 1865.

3. EUNICE, born May 22, 1838; married Philemon Gleason Wood.

Their children were:

GILBERT NOYES WOOD, born Jan. 9, 1860.

EFFIE EUDORA, born Feb. 7, 1862.

LUCIUS HUBBELL NOYES<sup>7</sup>,—Breed<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>,—born in Hyde Park, Vt., April 24, 1811; died there Feb. 4, 1877—banker and merchant; married in Hyde Park, June 5, 1836, Diadamia J. Smalley, born in same town Aug. 1, 1816; she was daughter of Francis Smalley and his wife Martha P. Hyde, who was daughter of Jedediah Hyde, captain in the war of 1812. Their children were all born in Hyde Park, Vt., viz:

1. LUCIA ELLEN, born March 25, 1837; married at Hyde Park, Nov. 4, 1858, Waldo Brigham, son of Asa and Sally Brigham, born at Bakersfield, Vt., June 10, 1829. Their children were:
  1. JULIA BINGHAM, born at Hyde Park Aug. 23, 1860; married Dec. 22, 1881, to Henry Moses McFarland of Waterville, Vt.
  2. MARY, born at Hyde Park June 21, 1870.
  3. BLANCHE, born Aug. 16, 1875.
2. ALBERT LEIGH, born June 18, 1840; died Feb., 1887.
3. HENRY MORILLO, born Oct. 23, 1846.
4. EDWARD LUCIUS, born March 22, 1849.
5. AMMI BARBER, born Jan. 13, 1857.
6. MABEL JULIA, born Aug. 31, 1859; married at Hyde Park Nov. 20, 1884, Roger William Hulbred, son of Benjamin Franklin Hulbred and Juliana Miller, born at Waterville Oct. 22, 1856.
7. MILO, born Oct. 25, 1838; died April 16, 1839.
8. GEORGE, born June 12, 1842; died Feb. 27, 1845.
9. JULIA EMMA, twin sister of Henry Morillo, born Oct. 25, 1838; died May 24, 1857.
10. GRACE MELVINA, born Nov. 27, 1851; died July 29, 1862.

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CARLOS SANFORD NOYES<sup>7</sup>,—Breed<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>,—born in Hyde Park, Vt., Feb. 22, 1816; married Louisa Retterbush, Nov. 29, 1849. Children:

1. FLORENCE A., born Sept. 27, 1850; died May 26, 1857.

2. GERTRUDE HELLEN, born May 10, 1856; married B. C. Sheldon May 26, 1879.
  3. LILLIA L., born July 10, 1858; married Henry A. Slayton June 3, 1886.
  4. ARTHUR CARLOS, born April 13, 1864.
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EDGAR NOYES<sup>7</sup>, born in Hyde Park, Vt., Oct. 28, 1818; married Jane Elizabeth Cooke of Morristown, Vt., March 9, 1843—daughter of Jonathan Cooke by his wife Sarah Fletcher Cooke. Children all born in Hyde Park, viz:

1. ARABELLA JULIAETTA, born March 27, 1844.
  2. EMILY KIMETIA, born Oct. 3, 1845; died Jan. 16, 1865.
  3. SARAH JANE, born April 28, 1848; died June 19, 1881.
  4. MARY LOUISA, born Nov. 5, 1850; died Nov. 29, 1871.
  5. CHARLES DWIGHT, born July 19, 1854.
  6. CARRIE ELIZABETH, born Dec. 13, 1856.
  7. GRACE PAULINA, born Oct. 19, 1864; died Jan. 1, 1865.
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MORILLO NOYES<sup>7</sup>, — Breed<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>,—born at Hyde Park, Vt., Oct. 14, 1820; married Catharine Haswell, daughter of Nathan Baldwin Haswell and his wife Harriet (Plimpton) Haswell, who was born at Burlington, Vt., March 8, 1824. Children:

1. ALICE, born at Burlington, July 6, 1852; Died Dec. 23, 1877.
2. MARY, born Sept. 5, 1858.
3. KATHARINE, born Oct. 27, 1862.



CAROLUS NOYES<sup>7</sup>, [Breed, Oliver, John, Dea. John, Rev. James, Rev. James], born in Hyde Park, Jan. 20, 1823; married Mrs. Harriet Day Haswell Nov. 2, 1854; she was born Oct. 9, 1820. Children born in Burlington, Vt., viz:

1. JOHN GARDINER NOYES, born April 25, 1857; died May 12, 1884.
2. VERNON PRENTISS, born April 5, 1859; died Jan. 2, 1886.
3. CAROLUS and
4. MADALINE AUGUSTA—twins—born Dec. 10, 1862. She married Clyde D. Buckstaff Oct. 12, 1887—live at Oshkosh, Wis.

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VERNON PRENTISS NOYES<sup>7</sup>, [David, Oliver, John, Dea. John, Rev. James, Rev. James], born at Morrisville, Vt., Jan. 20, 1818; married Emily Waterman, daughter of Arunah Waterman by his wife Mehitable (Dodge), born April 24, 1820; she died Nov. 18, 1856. They had a son Charles, born Dec. 20, 1850, who died Sept. 26, 1853. Vernon P. died at Burlington, Vt., Sept. 30, 1885.

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JULIUS MILO NOYES<sup>7</sup>, [David, Oliver, John, etc.,] born at Morrisville, Vt., March 25, 1827; married at Burlington, May 23, 1849, Cornelia Haswell, daughter of Nathan Baldwin Haswell and his wife Harriet (Plimpton) Haswell, born at Burlington, Feb. 26, 1826; who died there Sept. 18, 1867. He died May 22, 1889. Children:

1. HARRIET HASWELL NOYES, born in Burlington, Vt., May 26, 1850; married in New York City, June 6, 1876, James Frederick Andrews; they have three children, Cornelia, Edgar M. and Vernon Charles.

2. CHARLES P., born at Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1859; married Feb. 9, 1887, in New York City, Fanny E. Wentworth, daughter of Mitchell Ecker and Josephine Eliza (Summers) Wentworth.

JOSEPH CLARK<sup>7</sup>, [Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>], born at Morrisville, Vt., March 15, 1821; married first Maria Antoinette Burnett, daughter of Calvin Burnett of Morrisville, Oct., 1848; she died July 25, 1853. His second wife was Abbie Marial Merriam, born June 13, 1829, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (French) Merriam of Corinth, Vt.; they were married Oct. 30, 1855. Children:

1. SARAH ANTOINETTE, by first wife, born March 17, 1850, who married Rev. Vitelus M. Hardy.
  2. MARY HANNAH, born July 29, 1859.
  3. CLARK MERRIAM, born Aug. 14, 1857; died Dec. 4, 1861.
  4. WILLIAM HORATIO, born Feb. 16, 1862.
  5. CHARLES EVERETT, born March 31, 1865; died April 21, 1869.
  6. CLARK JOSEPH, born Nov. 7, 1867.
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ALBERT LEIGH NOYES<sup>8</sup>, (Lucius Hubbell, Breed, Oliver, John, etc.), born at Hyde Park, Vt., Jan. 18, 1840; married at Hyde Park, Dec. 16, 1866, Ellen Cleora Boardman, daughter of Almond and Jemima (Goodale) Boardman of Morristown, Vt. He died at Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 16, 1887. They had one child:

HARRY ALBERT, born at Hyde Park, June 4, 1871.

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HENRY MORILLO NOYES<sup>8</sup>, (Lucius H., Breed, Oliver, John, etc.), born at Hyde Park, Vt., Oct. 23, 1846; married at Elmore, Vt., May 25, 1870, Melora Rebecca Kelley, daughter of Adolphus Morrill and Rosamond (Bailey) Kelley. Children:

1. ROSAMOND BAILEY, born March 3, 1871.
2. LUCIUS HENRY, born May 21, 1874.
3. WARREN ADOLPHUS, born Aug. 19, 1879.
4. REBECCA MILORA, born May 13, 1885.

EDWARD LUCIUS NOYES<sup>8</sup>, (Lucius H., Breed, Oliver, John, etc.), born at Hyde Park, Vt., March 22, 1848; married at North Troy, Vt., Feb. 18, 1873, Josette Freeloze Blanchard, daughter of William and Freeloze Perkins Blanchard of Masonville, P. Q. Children:

1. GRACE ALICE, born July 4, 1874, at Hyde Park, Vt.
  2. ISADORE DARLING, born May 26, 1881.
  3. ALBERT LEIGH, born Feb. 13, 1887.
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AMMI BARBER NOYES<sup>8</sup>, (Lucius, Breed, Oliver, etc.), born Jan. 13, 1857; married June 12, 1879, Emily Jane Boles, daughter of Joseph and Mary Mitchell (Parker) Boles. Children:

1. BARBARA LOUISA, born May 31, 1880; died Nov. 17, 1883.
  2. AGNES, born Feb. 27, 1882; died Nov. 24, 1883.
  3. LEIGH, born Dec. 15, 1885.
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CHARLES PRENTISS NOYES<sup>8</sup>, (Julius Milo<sup>7</sup>, David Prentiss<sup>6</sup>, Oliver<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Dea. John<sup>3</sup>, Rev. James<sup>2</sup>, Rev. James<sup>1</sup>), born at Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1859; married at New York City, Feb. 9, 1887, Fannie E. Wentworth, born in Canajoharie, N. Y., daughter of Mitchell Ecker and Josephine Eliza (Summers) Wentworth. Their son Julius Wentworth, born in New York City, Jan. 1, 1889.

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NOTE.—The following statistics relate to a collateral branch of the Noyes family that came to New England in 1634.

NICHOLAS NOYES<sup>1</sup>, brother of Rev. James Noyes, was born in Wiltshire, Eng., A. D. 1614, and tradition asserts that he was the first to leap on shore when the immigrants landed. This spot is supposed to be on the north side of Parker river, in Newbury, Mass., near the present



bridge, and the Colonists located about the lower green, Oldtown, where the first meetinghouse was built. Thomas Parker, the pastor, was born in Wiltshire, Eng., in 1595, being the only son of Robert Parker, an eminent scholar and active nonconformist.

The Noyes family are of Norman descent. Originally the name was spelt Noye. From the Conquest the race have been distinguished for scholarship and influence. In the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Henry VIII. William Noyes of Erchfort was assessed for the subsidy at £80, and paid £4 yearly. In 1540 he became possessed of the prebend of Erchfort with its dependencies and died in 1557, leaving considerable property to a large family of whom John Noyes was M. P. for Laine in 1600, and Robert Noyes the elder brother who succeeded to the prebend, having purchased in 1574 for his eldest son, Robert, the manor and estate of King's Hatherdene, in Weghill near Andover. His cousin Peter Noyes was also of Weghill and Andover, Berkshire, in which county for many generations his descendants owned the estate of Trunkwell in the parish of Springfield, acquired by a marriage with Agnes, daughter and heiress of John Noyes of that place, who died in 1607. Peter Noyes had a second son, Richard, and a daughter, Joice, married to the Rev. Robert Weld, D. D. The father of Nicholas Noyes was William Noyes, rector of the parish of Choulderton, Wiltshire, and his mother a sister of the learned Robert Parker before mentioned. Nicholas was made a freeman May 17, 1637, married Mary Cutting, a sister of Capt. John Cutting, who came from London to Charlestown and thence to Newbury about 1642. Nicholas Noyes was one of the most influential members of the infant settlement, representing it in the General Court, and was also a deacon of the church. He died Nov. 23, 1701. Their children were:

MARY, born Oct. 15, 1641; married John French.

HANNAH, born Oct. 30, 1643; married Peter Cheney—second, John Atkinson.

JOHN, born Jan. 20, 1646; married Mary Poor in 1668; died, 1691.

NICHOLAS, Rev., born Dec. 22, 1647; graduated at Harvard 1667; preached in Haddam, Conn., 13 years. Ordained over the 1st Soc. of Salem Nov. 14, 1683; died unmarried Dec. 13, 1683.

CUTTING, born Sept. 23, 1649; married Elizabeth Knight; died 1734.

SARAH, born Sept. 13, 1651; died Feb. 20, 1652.

SARAH (again), born Aug. 22, 1653; married Mathew Pet-  
tengill April 13, 1674.

TIMOTHY, born June 23, 1655; married Mary Knight Jan.  
13, 1680.

JAMES, born May 15, 1657; married Hannah Knight March  
31, 1684; died 1723.

ABIGAIL, born April 11, 1659; married Simeon French  
of Salisbury, May 8, 1707.

RACHEL, born March 20, 1661; married James Jackman.

THOMAS, born June 20, 1663; married and lived in Hav-  
erill; died in 1695.

REBECCA, born May 18, 1665; died Dec. 21, 1683.

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JAMES NOYES<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, born at Newbury May 15, 1657. He married March 31, 1684, Hannah Knight, who was daughter of John and B. (Ingersoll) Knight. Her grandfather, John Knight, Sr., came with his brother, Dea. Richard Knight, from Romney, England, to Newbury in 1635. Their children were:

REBECCA, born June 12, 1685.

JOSEPH, born Sept. 20, 1686.

HANNAH, born March 13, 1688.

NICHOLAS, born Feb. 9, 1690.

NATHAN, born Feb. 5, 1692.

EPHRAIM, born Nov. 20, 1694; died Dec. 19, 1694.

LYDIA, born Nov. 30, 1695.

EPHRAIM (again), born Dec. 25, 1698; married Abigail Platts.

BENJAMIN, born Feb. 22, 1701.

MARY, born March 3, 1703.

JAMES, born Aug. 19, 1705.

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EPHRAIM NOYES<sup>3</sup>, James<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, born in Newbury, Mass., Dec. 25, 1698. His wife was Abigail Platts, daughter of Jonas and Abigail (Bailey) Platts. To them was born:

EDNA NOYES, who married April 7, 1756, John Emery, a son of David and Abigail (Chase) Emery.

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JOHN NOYES<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, born Jan. 20, 1646; married Nov. 13, 1668, Mary Poor. They had nine children, to-wit:

NICHOLAS, born May 18, 1671; married Sarah Lunt.

DANIEL, born Oct. 23, 1673; married Judith Knight.

MARY, born Dec. 10, 1675; married John Noyes.

JOHN, born Feb. 19, 1677; married Mary Thurlow.

MARTHA, born Dec. 24, 1679; married Joseph Lunt.

NATHANIEL, born Oct. 28, 1681; married Priscilla Merrill.

ELIZABETH, born Nov. 11, 1684.

MOSES, born May 22, 1688; died

SAMUEL, born Feb. 3, 1692; married Hannah Poor.

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DANIEL NOYES<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, born Oct. 23, 1673; married Dec. 29, 1702, Judith Knight. He died March 13, 1716. Children:

DANIEL, born Oct. 16, 1703; married Abigail Topham.

JOSEPH, born Aug. 6, 1705; married Elizabeth Woodman.

JOSHUA, born Jan. 26, 1707; married Sarah Hale.



JOHN, born May 9, 1709; graduated at Harvard; married Ann Woodbridge; died Aug. 13, 1759.

MARY, born Nov. 24, 1710; died Aug., 1794.

DEBORAH, born May 22, 1713; married Jacob Knight.

JUDITH, born Jan. 7, 1715; married Benjamin Poor.

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DANIEL NOYES<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, born Oct. 16, 1703; married Abigail Topham; died 1675. Children:

ABIGAIL, born Dec. 28, 1728; died Aug. 3, 1731.

DANIEL, born Nov. 7, 1730; died June 13, 1735.

ZEBULON, born —; died June 11, 1735.

SAMUEL, born April 25, 1737; married Rebecca Wheeler.

EBENEZER, born —, 1739; married Hannah Chase.

MARY, born March, 1741; married Saml. Somerly, 2d Nathaniel Dole.

JOHN, born March, —; married Sarah Little, 2d Mary Pierce.

ABIGAIL (again), born October 5, 1744; married Joseph Moulton.

JUDITH, born Nov., 1747; died Oct., 1832.

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SAMUEL NOYES<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, born April 25, 1737; married Rebecca Wheeler; died April, 1820. Children:

DANIEL, born Oct. 22, 1765; died Dec. 5, 1768.

SAMUEL, born May 25, 1767; died July 12, 1852; married, 1st, Jane Moody, Jan. 22, 1795. She died Nov. 13, 1802. 2d, Hannah Little, youngest daughter of Joseph Little, who was widow of James Stickney, who died Jan. 17, 1805; she died March 1, 1861.

REBECCA, born April, 1769.

JUDITH, born July 13, 1773; died July 17, 1777.

NATHAN (Dr.), born April 3, 1777; died Sept., 1842.

JUDITH (again), born February 7, 1779; married William Moulton; died Oct., 1822.

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The following memoranda of genealogy of the Noyes family is selected from the pages of *Sarah Ann Emery's "Reminiscences of a Nonagenarian,"* a charming historical work touching the settlement of Newbury, Mass., the English immigrants and their families and descendants.

WILLIAM NOYES, son of the first Rev. James, born at Newbury, Sept. 22, 1653; married in Newbury Nov. 6, 1685, Sarah Cogswell. Children:

JOHN, born July 27, 1686; married Tabitha Dole.

WILLIAM, born Sept. 1, 1688.

SARAH, born May 10, 1691; died Dec. 3, 1703.

MOSES, born Jan. 27, 1694; died Feb. 16, 1694.

SUSANNA, born Feb. 25, 1696.

MARY, born May 24, 1699; died Dec. 16, 1703.

SARAH (again), born Dec. 5, 1703.

PARKER, born Jan. 17, 1705.

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JOHN NOYES, son of William son of Rev. James<sup>1</sup>, born July 27, 1680; married Tabitha Dole. He was a leading citizen, deacon of the church and a resident of Newbury. Their children were William, Sara, Elizabeth and Parker, who died in childhood. William married Lydia Morse, and their children were: Timothy, who married Betty Dean, Enoch, who married Sarah Emery, John, who married Elizabeth Pillsbury, and Molly who married Webster Bailey. Sara, the eldest daughter of Deacon Noyes, remained single; Elizabeth, second daughter,

married Capt. James Smith of Crane-neck Hill—her second husband was Capt. Edmund Little.

Rev. Nicholas Noyes, graduated at Harvard 1667, preached in Haddam, Conn., thirteen years, ordained over the first society of Salem, Nov. 14, 1683, and died Dec. 13, 1717.

Rev. Edmund Noyes, born March 29, 1729; graduated at Harvard, 1747; was ordained in Salisbury Nov. 20, 1751, and died July 12, 1809.

Ebenezer Noyes, born in 1739, graduated at Nassau Hall in 1750, and was a physician in Dover, where he died Aug. 11, 1767.

Rev. Nathaniel Noyes, born Aug. 12, 1735, graduated at Nassau Hall in 1759, was ordained in South Hampton, N. H., Feb. 23, 1763; dismissed Dec. 8, 1800, and died in Newburyport in Dec., 1810. Sarah, consort of Rev. Nathaniel Noyes, died at South Hampton May 20, 1771, aged 25 years 8 months.

Rev. Thomas Noyes, son of Col. Thomas Noyes of the West parish of Newbury, graduated at Harvard in 1795, and died young.

Nathan Noyes, M. D., graduated at Dartmouth, a physician of Newburyport.

Rev. Jeremiah Noyes, graduated at Dartmouth in 1799, ordained Nov. 16, 1803, in Gorham, Me., and died Jan. 15, 1807.

Moody Noyes, Harvard, 1800, died young.

Daniel Noyes, born Jan. 29, 1739, graduated at Harvard in 1758, was register of probate for Essex, and died in Ipswich March 21, 1815.

Joshua Noyes, born 1739, graduated at Nassau in 1759; was pastor elect of the church in Kingston, N. H., and died July 8, 1773, aged 34.

John Noyes, born May 9, 1709, graduated at Harvard in 1753, and died Aug. 13, 1759.

Rev. George Rappall Noyes, born March 6, 1798, graduated at Harvard in 1818; was ordained in South Brookfield, Mass., Oct. 30, 1827; resettled in Petersham Oct. 15, 1834. Elected professor in the divinity school, Cambridge, in 1840. Received the degree of D. D. the same year. He died June 3, 1868, aged 70 years and 3 months.

During his ministry he translated the poetical books of the Bible—the book of Job and the Psalms and the Prophets, and during his

professorship a translation of the New Testament. At his death many distinguished divines paid appreciative tributes to his memory.

Francis V. Noyes, born Sept. 22. 1809, graduated at Dartmouth, received the degree of M. D. at Harvard, Aug., 1831. He was a physician in Newburyport until 1844, when he became a resident of Billerica.

Rev. Daniel Parish Noyes, born June 4, 1820, graduated 1840 at Yale College. Taught school till 1843; was a tutor till 1847; student at Andover till 1849; pastor of 3d Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., from 1849 till January, 1854. Secretary of the American Home-Missionary Society from January, 1854, till June, 1865. Secretary of Home Evangelization in Massachusetts from January, 1865, till 1873. While prosecuting this work, he founded a church in Pigeon Cove, Cape Ann, acting as pastor for the time. October, 1877, was installed pastor of a church in Wilmington.

Joseph M. Noyes, a distinguished teacher, and Henry Durant Noyes of the firm of Noyes, Snow & Co., publishers, 13½ Bromfield street, Boston. These are grandsons of Rev. Elijah Parish. Isaac Parsons Noyes, born Dec. 10, 1822, appointed assistant postmaster at Newburyport June 19, 1861; and postmaster in 1887; served on the Board of Overseers of the Poor three years, in the Common Council one year, Secretary of School Board six years, and re-elected on School Committee in 1878 for two years.

William Henry Noyes, M. D., born in Newbury July 28, 1825, graduated at Harvard University in dental medicine March 9, 1870; married May 14, 1848, Sarah M. Parshley of Stratford, N. H. Children: Ella Ada; Ernest Henry, born Nov. 20, 1853, graduated at Bowdoin College July 8, 1875.

George E. L. Noyes, son of Geo. W. Noyes, born in Newburyport Aug. 28, 1850, graduated at Harvard University in dental medicine March 10, 1872; married Nov. 27, 1878, Mary Hill Goodwin of Newburyport, daughter of Daniel A. Goodwin.

The "Nonagenarian" relates the following regarding the religious disturbance in Newbury caused by the preaching of the famous Whitefield. Rev. William Johnson would not admit him into his pulpit, and the great revivalist was obliged to preach in a private house. "I



Have often heard my great aunt Sara Noyes describe the sensation produced by the eloquent divine. My great grandfather, Dea. John Noyes, fully sympathized in the disapproval evinced by his pastor, and issued a strict edict forbidding any of his family attending what he termed "those disorderly assemblies." Aunt Sara, then a girl in her teens, entertained, as was natural, a strong desire to see and hear one whose name was on every tongue, and whose words and their effects were the chief topic of conversation on every side. At last, after much fear and trembling, she mustered courage to make a clandestine attempt to satisfy her curiosity. An evening meeting was to be held at a house in the vicinity, and she determined to brave her father's displeasure, if her absence was discovered, and go. It was a dark, cheerless night, when, with a throbbing heart, stealing down the stairs and noiselessly opening the door, she ran lightly down the gravel walk. Her hand was on the latch of the front gate, when a voice, in an authoritative tone, exclaimed "Go back!" Startled, affrighted, she stopped, turned, and peered into the darkness. No one was in sight. Through the uncurtained window she could see her father and the other members of her family seated around the bright wood fire. Concluding that, owing to the nervous timidity which this disobedience to paternal mandates had caused, imagination had conjured up this voice, with another long and searching look around, she opened the gates. "Go back!" reiterated the voice, even more decidedly than at first, just in her ear. What could it mean? Again she stopped, waited, looked and listened. Nothing unusual could be seen, and not a sound could be heard save the wind sighing through the trees. Sarah Noyes was a resolute girl, not easily turned from any purpose she had deliberately formed, neither had she much belief in the supernatural. Thrusting back her fears, with a strong will she stilled her throbbing heart, and with a firm step, she again started forward. "Go back, go back," thundered the voice, in such a powerful and authoritative tone, that, thrilling in every nerve, the astonished girl, completely subdued, hastily turned, and fled into the house. Though she lived to a great age, and could never be reckoned a credulous person, to the last hour of her life she firmly believed that this was a Divine interposition to keep her from evil."

It is further related by the venerable Nonagenarian that it had been the rule of the Church that every child presented for the rite should be admitted to baptism. It was whispered among the people that Parson Woods intended to set aside the "half-way covenant," and baptize only the offspring of church members. A niece of Aunt Sara Noyes (recently married) and her husband had come to reside with and take care of the old lady and her farm. A son was born to this couple, which Aunt Sara desired christened. As neither of the parents were communicants, she thought it proper to ascertain the clergyman's sentiments. Without hesitation, he promised to baptize the infant; "It was too cold (March) to take out such a young babe; when the weather grew milder he would arrange for the ceremony." But Sunday after Sunday passed; the minister could never be made to appoint a day for the rite, some excuse was always ready, till at length it became understood that thenceforth only church members would be permitted to present their children at the baptismal font. Aunt Sara was excessively indignant! The great granddaughter of the Rev. James Noyes; the daughter of the former senior deacon (one next in dignity to the pastor), and herself one who at all times had been most active, not only in the families of the clergymen, but throughout the parish, whenever her services or money could promote the good of the Church, Aunt Sara had come to be regarded, and I think, also (though she would have disdained my assertion), to look upon herself somewhat in the light of a lady elect. A slight to such a person could not remain unnoticed. Many were really grieved at this change in the baptismal ordinance; others were angry at what they considered duplicity; many remarked that it was "the cunning, the manœuvring that excited ire and aversion. The pastor's manner was so arbitrary and domineering that they must regard it as positively insolent. He ought to be taught that he was not a pope to head a hierarchy, but simply a preacher chosen to minister to a Congregational society. Several refusing longer to listen to his teachings, left the society for other parishes, while Aunt Sara passed the day in private devotion at home."

Among the numerous clergymen and doctors which the Noyes families of Newbury contained in early days, it would be strange if there should not be found at least one less grave and sedate, if not absolutely

eccentric, and such a character is found in the person of Lieut. Joseph Noyes, described in the Emery book. He was an old revolutionary officer, and was employed on a time to split wood for the minister of the church. The parson was noted for his thriftiness, not to say covetousness, in exacting contributions from his parishioners of turkeys, cheese, provisions and wood beyond that of any former minister. The morning that Joseph commenced work the parson went into the yard, and after looking over the pile he said, "Lieutenant, here are some nice logs, too good for firewood, it would be a pity to burn them; here are three or four just right for trunnels, put them aside, they are too nice for fuel."

The Lieutenant made no exact reply, but as soon as the minister's back was turned, he fell to work with might and main on those identical logs. After dinner the parson came out again. Gazing hurriedly about, he excitedly exclaimed, "Where are those logs, those nice trunnel logs I told you to save?" "Save?" queried the wily old officer, with an air of bewilderment. "Yes, I told you to put them aside, that they were too good for fire-wood."

"Well, really now! Sometimes I am a little hard o'hearing, parson. I thought you told me to split them fine logs first," innocently returned the unfaithful old sinner, with a deprecatory air.

"Well, well," said the pastor, "I am sorry, but it cannot be helped now. I was not aware that you were deaf lieutenant, is that the cause of your absence from divine worship?"

"Why, yes; I used to go regularly when a youngster, but going into the army upsets people. War is a glorious thing when fighting for one's liberties, but it kind of unsettles a fellow. I've had so many bullets whistling around my ears, that half the time it seems as if I could'n't hear anything else."

"If you cannot hear, come and sit in the pulpit; I should be most happy to have you," the pastor replied in his most polite manner, as he turned to reenter the house.

As the lieutenant had said, the war did unsettle a great many. Good officers made but poor civilians. Lieut. Noyes would not have deliberately performed a bad deed, but his moral sense had become somewhat stretched, and a good joke was the very breath of his nostrils.



Though since the end of the war he had led somewhat of a desultory life, he had always managed to dress and appear like a gentleman. The next Sunday, to the wonder and consternation of the congregation, just as the parson had taken his place in the pulpit, the lieutenant, in his best suit, his hair elaborately frizzed, powdered and cued, marched up the broad aisle with his most imposing tread, and slowly ascended the pulpit stairs. With a profound military salute he seated himself beside the pastor. "What could it mean?" The amazement increased when, as the clergyman arose to begin the service, the lieutenant rose also; standing a little back with his head slightly inclined forward, and his hand behind his ear, he continued to occupy his post beside the pastor through the long prayer and the longer sermon. As every one knew the old scamp was not the least deaf, they began to surmise that some mischief was on foot, but "what was the mystery?" After two or three Sabbaths in which the pranky old officer, with the gravity of forty judges, occupied a place in the pulpit, the story of the trunnel logs became whispered about, and his presence then created such a sensation that the tithing man was compelled to give him a seat on the long bench in front. Some members declared that some judgment must fall on the reprobate; but notwithstanding these menaces, he went on his way rejoicing, getting more treats than ever at the tavern, and more hearty welcome to good cheer throughout the vicinity.

† Enoch Noyes, says the Nonagenarian, was noted for the manufacture of combs and horn buttons. He was a great genius, and had contrived many inventions and made much improvement in the business. Mr. Noyes was a great oddity. He would run over the parish bareheaded and barefooted. It was no uncommon thing for him to appear at our house after dinner of a hot summer day, in only a shirt and breeches, having ran across the fields, two miles, "just to take a noon-ing." A great joker and a capital story-teller, his appearance was a signal for a general frolic. He was fond of telling strangers that his father used to say he had four remarkable children: Molly was remarkably handsome, Tim was remarkably sloven, John was remarkably wicked, and Enoch was remarkably cunning."

If pride of ancestry was a characteristic of the descendants of the primitive Noyes family of Newbury, Mass., there was at least one re-



markable woman who lived in the Puritanic days of New England whose memory should be held in preeminent regard.

Monuments are now erected over the graves of noble women who, in the seventeenth century, were persecuted unto death by a fanatical priesthood and an insane church. Our ancestor, Margaret Noyes, had the honor above all other women bearing the name, of being deemed a "Witch." It was, however, her good fortune to live a generation later than the period when whipping from street to street and from town to town at the cart tail, drowning in ponds, and strangling was the fate of many good women who were discovered by ecclesiastical tigers to be too intelligent and intellectually independent to be fanatically orthodox.

The venerable Nonagenarian lady already quoted describes the class of persons who obtained "the unenviable notoriety of witches as being usually inoffensive women, possessing a marked individuality, strong intellectual faculties, quick perception and keen wit, united to a firm will and independence of action, characteristics which, in some way, brought upon them the ban of the community. The witch of the Falls Parish (Newbury), was an old woman called "Tuggie Noyes"; her real Christian name was Margaret. I never heard how she obtained the nickname of Tuggie. I have only a faint remembrance of her, a dim recollection of stealing behind my mother to peep at the witch, as she bargained for some tobacco which my father had raised. I think this woman gained a livelihood by spinning and weaving. I have often heard David Emery relate an incident of his boyhood by which his disbelief in witches was fully confirmed. One cold winter morning, David and his chum Nate Perley were on their way to school, when they descried Tuggie advancing over the half-trodden path, the hood on her gray lambkin cloak drawn around her face, and a bunch of woolen yarn in her hand.

"There's the witch," Nate exclaimed, lamenting the lack of a sixpence to place in the path to stop her farther progress. His companion expressed his credulity respecting such an effect, but nevertheless drew a sixpence from his pocket, which he adroitly dropped immediately before the old woman; she passed on directly over it with a courtsey and good day, and David again pocketed his coin, firm in the faith of Tuggie's innocence of the diabolical influence, with a full determination never to believe in any witch, save the witch of Endor."



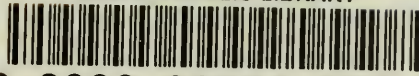








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